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Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as outlined below.

In The Claims

Please delete claim 23.

Please amend claims 3-5, 8, 9, 11-14, 20-22, 24-30, 33, 34, 37, 40, 45, 55, 62,

68, 69, 76-78 as follows:

- 3. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, comprising a resting point adjacent said pivot and on an outside of said device, which resting point is adapted to be placed against said bone.
- 4. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said curved needle has a radius of curvature matching a distance of said needle from said pivot.
- 5. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, comprising: